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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF MILITARY TECHNICAL ACADEMY CASE  
RESUMES

REF: CAIRO 9465

1. TRIAL OF 92 DEFENDANTS IN MILITARY TECHNICAL ACADEMY CASE (REFTEL) RESUMED ON SCHEDULE DEC. 14 AND WAS THEN POSTPONED AGAIN UNTIL JAN. 18 TO PERMIT DEFENSE LAWYERS TO COMPLETE PREPARATION OF THEIR CASES.
2. AS HAD OCCURED IN FIRST PRELIMINARY HEARING NOV. 16, DEFENDANTS PUT ON SHOW NOTABLE FOR MEDIEVAL COSTUMES (WHITE ROBES AND BEARDS) AND UNINHIBITED KORAN FLAVORED DIALOGUE. ALL DEFENDANTS PLEADED NOT GUILTY, AND SEVERAL DENOUNCED COURT AND MAGISTRATE AS ATHEIST.
3. ONCE AGAIN JOURNALISTS ATTENDING HEARING WERE STRUCK BY YOUTH AND EARNESTNESS OF MOST OF DEFENDANTS. APPARENTLY MANY ARE MIDDLE CLASS BACKGROUND AND WERE RECRUITED AS TEENAGERS BY ABDALLAH SARIYYA, THE CHIEF DEFENDANT, DURING PRAYER TIME AT LOCAL MOSQUES, A MODUS OPERANDI REMINISCENT OF THE STUPENDOUSLY

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SUCCESSFUL EFFORTS OF HASAN AL-BANNA, FOUNDER OF THE IHKWAN.

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